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STORIES OF THE EARLY HISTORY OF LINCOLN COUNTY

Following is a part of a letter written August 20, 1921 to friends in North Platte by Homer G. Woodin, 326 Gettysburg Ave. Dayton, Ohio. It contains much original material on the early history of Lincoln county and we are glad to get it for use in this series of stories on early history. Only the parts having to do with this local history are printed.

I came to Cottonwood Springs in the latter part of September, 1864 after having served two full enlistments in the Union army during the civil war as chief clerk for Captain Hancock, Qr. Mr. At that time the Sioux Indians were on the war path. On our way from Omaha to our post the stage coach was attacked by the Indians near midnight while passing a deserted ranch near Plum Creek and near Pat Mullally's ranch. They were concealed in the corral opposite the ranch and as the coach was passing the opening at a rapid rate they fired on us killing one of the lead horses which brought us to a standstill. We got out of the coach and for an hour fought for our lives. Finding that they couldn't dislodge us they beat it for the hills. There were on the coach Captain Hancock and myself, a lieutenant from a Kentucky regiment, the express messenger, a Jew merchant from Denver and a soldier riding on the seat by the stage driver. All of us were well armed. In the Indians' first volley, besides killing the lead horse the soldier was shot through the head and the Jew was shot through the leg. That left only four of us to fight. The coach made a good barricade to shield us. After the Indians had left us we put the two wounded men in the coach, spliced up a broken tongue with the lines and harness of the lead horses and on foot we made our way slowly to Mullally's ranch. We hadn't traveled far when a small group of soldiers came into view. They had been sent out to find out what was delaying the coach which was due at Mullally's station at midnight. There we patched up the coach, left our two wounded

men and at eight o'clock, we were on our way west. About noon we came in sight of our destination and soon we were at Bro. Chas. McDonald's store. Leaving our baggage there we walked on to Ben Gallagher's sutler store then inside of the stockade. The next day when the Captain had assumed his duties, the building of Ft. McPherson commenced and everyone was busy.

A year later the Captain was transferred to Leavenworth, Kansas and a young lieutenant by the name of Bowen took his place. He was one of God's noblemen. I have yet to see his counterpart. I was with him nearly two years when the Fifth U. S. Cavalry came and Captain Hayes became quartermaster. I then went and opened Gilman's ranch, peace having been made with the Indians, which continued for two years.

I have a daughter now living at Columbus, Ohio, who was born on that ranch and I think she was the last child born in the territory of Nebraska for the next day it became a state. I remember well Pat Mullally, Miller and Penniston, Dan Smith, John and Jed Gilman, Sam Machette, Snell, Bro. McDonald, Boyer, Ben Gallagher, Sam Fritchie, Burke, Jack Morrow, Baker at Cold Spring ranch, Bovia, Ackly, etc. Bro. Wash Hinman lived close to Box Elder station. I can call to mind when Bro. Erickson came to settle among us, Bro. Cody "Buffalo Bill", Texas Jack, Bill Reed and then Baker came and was elected as territorial representative and later as state representative when Lincoln county was organized. North Platte was then on the map. I was at the fort when Grand Duke Alexis and his party were there. I knew all the commanders at the fort—Gen. Emery, Gen. Carr, Col. Misner, Gen. Royal, Col. Heath, Gen. O'Brien and Gen. Duncan.

I remain,
Homer G. Woodin
326 Gettysburg Ave.
Dayton, Ohio.
August 20, 1921.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Scott left Wednesday for Excelsior Springs.
Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Calhoun took Christmas dinner with Mrs. Calhoun's parents at Stapleton.
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RELIGIOUS WORK OF THE PEOPLE'S MISSION EXPLAINED

Rev. J. B. Payne and wife have given us a brief summary of the religious work they are attempting to do in addition to the social work which was reported in another place. This was given to us upon request and not with any idea of boosting themselves. Here is their report: Five religious services are conducted each week. A regular service is held in the county jail. Street meetings are conducted where possible. Many tracts have been distributed in the downtown district where men congregated at night. Prayer meetings and visitation in the homes of the people along with other similar work is carried on continually. A very encouraging Sunday school has been organized and fills the mission to capacity each Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Two Americanization classes are being conducted this winter and another is being organized. The work is hampered on account of the size and comfort of the mission building. "The attendance and spiritual phase of the work shows conclusively," says Rev. Payne, "that our work is an asset to North Platte and could be very much strengthened if we had a better place for our meetings."

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our most heartfelt thanks to all our friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy also for the beautiful floral offerings during the sickness and death of our loving mother.

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AN INTERESTING RELIC OF PIONEER DAYS IN KENTUCKY

John A. Burke received a newspaper from Buhl, Idaho, and while reading its interesting columns ran across a sale bill of unusual interest. Through Mr. Burke's kindness we are giving the people a rare treat. The clipping is as follows:

"Having sold my farm and intending to move to Missouri, I will sell at public sale, 1 mile west and 4 miles south of Harrisburg, Ky., on Saturday, September 26, 1850, the following described property, to wit: One buck nigger, 25 years old, weight 210 pounds; 4 nigger wenches, from 18 to 24 years old; 3 nigger boys, 6 years old; 13 nigger hoes; 1 fine sled, 6 yoke of oxen, well broke; 10 ox yokes with hickory bows; 2 ox carts, with 6-inch tires; 1 saddle pony, 5 years old; 1 saddle; 3 double shovel plows; 2 stump plows, 10 and 12 inch; 25 one gallon whiskey jugs; 100 gallons apple cider; 1 barrel of good sorghum; 2 barrels of soap; 2 barrels of kraut; 1 extra good nigger whip; 2 tons of tobacco, 2 years old. Sale will start at 10:30 sharp.

Terms, cash. I need the money. Col. H. W. Johnson, auctioneer; Bill Crawford, clerk; Joe Cooley, owner.

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John F. Kelly died last Saturday morning at a local hospital after suffering for some time with cancer of the stomach. He left to mourn his death his wife, a son Hugh Kelly of this city and a daughter, Lulu, of Kearney. The body was taken to York Sunday where interment was made.

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Fred Johnson of Valparaiso, Ind., is spending the holidays here with his sister, Mrs. John Grant. He may decide to locate here.

H. N. Getty went to Omaha Wednesday to visit.

Senator W. V. Hoagland left Wednesday for Omaha and Lincoln to transact business.

DR. L. J. KRAUSE, Dentist, X-Ray
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Mrs. W. C. Patterson, nee Hattie VonGoetz, of Minneapolis is spending the holidays at the VonGoetz home in this city.

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